

Notes to Readers

The *Livestock and Poultry: World Markets and Trade* circular is designed to give a snapshot of what is happening among the major players in world beef, pork, broiler meat, and turkey trade. Summary tables for meat production, imports, exports, and consumption provide an overview of the situation. In addition, an explanation of significant changes in production, supply, and demand (PSD) is provided for major meat importing and exporting countries.

Assumptions

BSE: Due to uncertainties as to the length of the bans on trade in ruminants and ruminant products because of the discovery of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in the United States and Canada, forecasts for 2005 and 2006 assume a continuation of policies currently in place among U.S. and Canadian trading partners as of October 31, 2005.

AI: Forecasts of 2005 and 2006 poultry trade reflect policies currently in place as a result of outbreaks of avian influenza (AI) as of October 31, 2005. Subsequent forecasts will reflect any announced changes.

FMD: Forecasts of 2005 and 2006 reflect the status of the foot and mouth disease (FMD) situation in Brazil as of October 31, 2005. As of this date, an outbreak was confirmed only in Mato Grosso do Sul. Subsequent forecasts will reflect any announced changes.

Data Modifications

China: Pork meat import data for 1997 to 2004 was modified to reflect new conversion methodology.

European Union: The PSD data series for the European Union (EU) was modified in November 2004 to account for 10 new members. The European Union-15 (EU-15) data series was discontinued. All data and references in the text that refer to the “European Union” or “EU” imply all 25 member states (EU-25) unless it is specified as “EU-15” and “New Member States” (NMS). For additional details, please refer to [Notes on European Union Data](http://www.fas.usda.gov/dlp/circular/2004/04-10LP/EUDataNotes.html) (<http://www.fas.usda.gov/dlp/circular/2004/04-10LP/EUDataNotes.html>) and [European Union Consolidated PSD Tables](http://www.fas.usda.gov/dlp/circular/2004/04-10LP/EUDatatables.pdf) (<http://www.fas.usda.gov/dlp/circular/2004/04-10LP/EUDatatables.pdf>) from the October 2004 edition of *Livestock and Poultry: World Markets and Trade*.

Mexico: Cattle inventories for 1997 to 2004 now reflect Government of Mexico statistics.

Romania: Pork meat import data for 2000 to 2004 was modified to reflect new conversion methodology.

Russia: Pork meat import and export data for 1999 to 2004 was modified to reflect new conversion methodology as well as the availability of official statistics.

India: Cattle imports for 1999, 2002 to 2006 were modified to reflect official Government of India statistics.

Technical Notes

All quantities (beef and pork) noted are in Carcass Weight Equivalent (CWE) unless otherwise noted as Product Weight Equivalent (PWE). CWE is the weight of an animal after slaughter and removal of most internal organs, head, and skin. PWE is the actual weight of the meat product exported.

Totals

Only those countries that make up USDA's official PSD database are reported. This means totals do not encompass all production, consumption, and trade, but rather the sum of those countries reported in USDA's database, which represent the most important players in the world meat PSD situation. In an attempt to capture these major players, the list of countries reported changes periodically. Nevertheless, by capturing the PSDs for all major meat importers and exporters, it is possible to forecast world trends, which are reflected in the text.

PSD Online

The entire USDA PSD database is available electronically on PSD Online. Users can use this system to generate the full set of PSD data for those countries reporting. PSD Online can be reached through <http://www.fas.usda.gov/psd>.

In addition, please refer to the USDA-FAS Dairy, Livestock and Poultry (DLP) website at: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/dlp/dlp.html> for additional data and analysis, such as *International Agricultural Trade Reports* and *Trade at a Glance*.

FAS Reports from Overseas Offices

The *Livestock and Poultry: World Markets and Trade* circular is based on post reports submitted since August 2005 and on available secondary information. The individual country reports can be obtained on FASOnline at: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/scripts/attacherep/default.asp>.

Scheduled reports were received from the following countries:

Country Name	Report Number	Cattle	Beef	Swine	Pork	Report Number	Broiler	Turkey
Argentina	AR5027	x	x			AR5024	x	
Australia	AS5027	x	x	x	x	AS5028	x	
Bulgaria	BU5012	x	x	x	x			
Brazil	BR5622	x	x	x	x	BR5620	x	x
Canada	CA5056	x	x	x	x	CA5059	x	x
China	CH5063	x	x	x	x	CH5064	x	
Chile	CI5016			x	x			
Egypt	EG5016	x	x					
European Union	E35141	x	x	x	x	ES5142	x	x
Guatemala						GT5014	x	
Hong Kong	HK5026		x		x	HK5027	x	
India	IN5096		x			IN5093	x	
Indonesia						ID5018	x	
Japan	JA5053	x	x	x	x	JA5048	x	
Korea	KS5045	x	x	x	x	KS5044	x	
Kuwait						KU5003	x	
Malaysia						MY5036	x	
Mexico	MX5077	x	x	x	x	MX5059	x	x
New Zealand	NZ5012	x	x					
Philippines	RP5034	x	x	x	x	RP5033	x	
Romania	RO5011	x	x	x	x	RO5010	x	
Russian Federation	RS5062	x	x	x	x	RS5066	x	x
Saudi Arabia						SA5014	x	
South Africa	SF5030	x	x			SF5032	x	x
Taiwan	TW5028		x	x	x	TW5026	x	
Thailand						TH5092	x	
Turkey	TU5034	x	x					
Ukraine	UP5016	x	x	x	x	UP5015	x	
United Arab Emirates						TC5017	x	
Uruguay	UY5004	x	x					
Venezuela						VE5016	x	
Vietnam	VM5056			x	x			

Voluntary reports were also received for Turkey (Poultry – TU5024) and Costa Rica (Livestock – CS5014).

Detailed data for both listed and non-listed countries as well as customized data queries can be found on FASOnline at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/psd>.

Additional USDA Resources

Situation and outlook information on the U.S. livestock and poultry industry can be obtained from the USDA-Economic Research Service at:

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/LDP/>.